UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STEVEN G. WICKS and GERALD A. KALBFLEISCH.

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Plaintiffs.

G.S. DISTRICT COURT Civil Action BISTRICT OF MASS.

No. 04-10988-GAO

V.

PUTNAM INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC and PUTNAM RETAIL MANAGEMENT, LLP,

Defendants.

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned counsel, that the time within which the defendants may answer, move or otherwise respond to the complaint in the above-captioned action is extended up to and including August 13, 2004; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED, that in the event defendants move to dismiss the complaint, the time in which plaintiffs may oppose such motion is extended up to and including September 27, 2004.

Dated: July 27, 2004

Boston, Massachusetts

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APPROVED	AND	SO	ORDERED:
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Dated:		

		U.S.D.J.